



MARYLAND Department of Health

Maryland SHIP Health Action Newsletter February 16, 2018

Press Release: Maryland Rural Health Plan



Image: News icon that looks like a sheet of paper with the word, "News" at the top.

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

The Maryland Rural Health Association (MRHA) released findings from a year-long comprehensive examination of the rural health care needs of Maryland. The health plan is a collaborative document that synthesizes data from multiple sources, such as county health plans, the State Health Improvement Process (SHIP), and feedback from citizens in rural counties, among others. The 2018 Maryland Rural Health Plan highlighted six areas of need, including:

- Access to care;
- Sustainable funding mechanisms for health care services;
- Care coordination;
- Chronic disease prevention and management;
- Health literacy and health insurance literacy; and,
- Outreach and education.

Read the full press release [here](#). To learn more about rural health programs in Maryland, visit the MDH Office of Rural Health [here](#). For more information on some of the data used in this plan, check out the SHIP website [here](#).

Webinar: Cool Creative Communications - Dazzling Data Visualization



Image: A tablet displaying data visualizations.

Monday, March 5, 2018

The National Network of Libraries and Medicine will host a webinar that covers concepts of visually representing data. This interactive webinar is designed to help participants create data visualizations that can be understood at a glance. Upon completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Increase their knowledge of using visual representations of data and various data visualization tools;
- Design a data visualization on a selected tool; and,
- Discuss peer submitted data visualizations to enhance understanding of the data presented.

Learn more about this webinar [here](#). Explore the SHIP website [here](#) to see data visualizations for our 39 health measures.

Event: Health Care Information and Management Systems Conference



Image: Illustration of a network of individuals.

Monday - Friday, March 5 - 9, 2018

The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) will host the HIMSS 2018 Conference. This industry-leading conference provides an opportunity to gain the education, innovation, and collaboration

needed to transform health and health care through information technology (IT). Proposed topics include:

- Privacy, security, and cybersecurity;
- Health information exchange and data integration;
- Data analytics and clinical and business intelligence; and,
- Connected health and telehealth.

There will be pre-conference webinars on Tuesdays in February 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

To learn more and register for this conference, click [here](#).

Funding Opportunity: Health Policy Research Scholars Program



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Image: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation logo.

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has announced a call for applications for the Health Policy Research Scholars (HPRS) program. The HPRS is a four-year national leadership development program designed to train doctoral students to inform and influence policy toward a Culture of Health. The program seeks students from any academic discipline who are interested in translating their research into evidence-informed health policy.

For more information on this opportunity, click [here](#). Check out the promotional video below for more insight into this program.



Funding Opportunity: Clinical Scholars Program

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

The RWJF has announced a call for applications for the Clinical Scholars program. This program is a three-year leadership program for health and health care providers and practitioners. Clinical Scholars offers providers the opportunity to build and develop the unique skills needed to lead communities and organizations toward a Culture of Health. The program is designed to enhance Fellows' individual, team, and systems-level leadership skills to tackle complex problems in their communities.

More information about this opportunity can be found [here](#). The promotional video below highlights experiences from two Clinical Scholars Fellows.



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